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RE: Highway Safety Improvement Program Call for Projects

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This message is to notify you that the Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMCMPPO) is now accepting applications for federal funds for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) projects. Only cities, counties or towns may apply. **The BMCMPPO must receive your application by midnight on November 3, 2008.** Applicants will also be expected to make presentations about their proposals to the Citizens Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee on November 19 and November 21, 2008, respectively. Funds are available for calendar year 2009 and are expected to be awarded in January, 2009. Based upon the current funding allocation as determined by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), the BMCMPPO is capable of awarding up to \$716,749.

The attached guidelines provide further detail on project eligibility. Key considerations in the award of funding will include but not be limited to:

- Proposed projects must be capable of eliminating or reducing fatal and incapacitating injury crashes.
- Projects must be listed in the BMCMPPO's top fatal/incapacitating crash locations (eligible project list provided by the BMCMPPO).
- Projects must demonstrate a cost/benefit ratio greater than one.
- Preference should be given to smaller projects so as to spread the money throughout the region.
- LPAs will be required to evaluate the effectiveness of the project using three years of data before treatment compared to three years after treatment.
- The local match is 10%.

The following information is posted on the BMCMPPO's website ([www.bloomington.in.gov/MPO Technical Advisory Committee](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/MPO_Technical_Advisory_Committee)) and should be reviewed before application submittal:

- Highway Safety Improvement Program Guidelines
- Highway Safety Improvement Program Application
- Eligible project list
- Benefit/Cost Worksheet
- Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) "Desktop Reference for Crash Reduction Factors"

If you desire, you may contact BMCMPPO staff to request a hardcopy of the application, eligible project list, and/or guidelines.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Raymond Hess at (812)349-3530 or hessr@bloomington.in.gov.

Sincerely,
Raymond Hess